

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

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Re: Case No. 13-2723/13-6640, *Michigan Catholic Conference, et al v. Kathleen Sebelius, et al*
Originating Case No. : 1:13-cv-01247

Dear Counsel:

The Court issued the enclosed Order today in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

Nos. 13-2723 and 13-6640

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13-2723)	
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MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, in its)	
own name and, obo Michigan Catholic Conference)	
Second Amended and Restated Group Health)	
Benefit Plan for Employees; et al.)	
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Plaintiffs-Appellants,)	
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v.)	
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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, in her official capacity)	
as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor: et al.)	
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Defendants-Appellees.)	
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13-6640)	
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THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE;)	
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF TENNESSEE,)	
INCORPORATED; et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs-Appellants,)	
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v.)	
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KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, In her official capacity)	
as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and)	
Human Services; et al.)	
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Defendants-Appellees.)	

In these two appeals, from separate cases entered in separate district courts, the parties jointly move to consolidate the briefing and the submission, for a unification of the briefing schedule, and for additional words in the briefs. To facilitate the briefing and submission of these appeals, the motion is GRANTED as follows:

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The appellants in both appeals may file a single, unified principal brief, not to exceed 17,000 words, in both appeals on or before January 24, 2014. The appellees may file a single, unified principal brief in both appeals, not to exceed 17,000 words, on or before February 14, 2014. The appellants may file a single, unified reply brief, not to exceed 8,500 words, on or before seven days after the filing of the appellees' brief.

Upon the completion of the briefing, the appeals shall be consolidated for submission to the court.

ENTERED PURSUANT TO RULE 45(a)
RULES OF THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

Deborah S. Hunt, Clerk